

## Proclamation Presented

## In Recognition of Skin Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, The University of Hawai'i Cancer Center in partnership with the Hawai'i Dermatological Society, and other members of the Hawai'i Skin Cancer Coalition, consisting of the leading authorities on skin cancer prevention and early detection treatment recognizes the importance of Skin Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, The University of Hawai'i Cancer Center calls to attention National Skin Cancer Awareness Month designated to create public and private awareness of activities and behaviors, which can cause or prevent skin cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** The University of Hawai'i Cancer Center affords education on the risk factors of developing skin cancer, due to over exposure to ultraviolet radiation from the Sun, particularly during childhood is one of the major risk factors for developing skin cancer; and

WHEREAS, The University of Hawai'i Cancer Center informs individuals about preventive methods to avoid skin cancer, such as limiting recreational sun exposure, avoiding unprotected skin exposure to the Sun during peak radiation times, regularly using a waterproof or water-resistant sunscreen with UVA protection and SPF 30 or higher, undergoing regular checkups and bringing any suspicious-looking or changing lesions to the attention of the doctor, and avoiding the use of tanning beds can help to prevent skin cancer from developing;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2011 as

## "SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to become educated about the risk factors and preventive methods concerning skin cancer.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-seventh day of April, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i